

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

April 9, 1999

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RE: MUR 4856

Liberal Party of New York State and Anne Peskin, as treasurer

Independence Party Federal Committee and

Laureen Oliver, as treasurer

Schumer '98 and Steven Goldenkranz, as treasurer

## Dear Ms. Utrecht:

On November 12, 1998, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On April 2, 1999, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe the Liberal Party of New York State and Anne Peskin, as treasurer, the Independence Party Federal Committee and Laureen Oliver, as treasurer, or Schumer '98 and Steven Goldenkranz, as treasurer, violated the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. The General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 clays, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mark Allen, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner

Associate General Counsel

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report